

The telemarketing industry seems blind to the concept of privacy: our right to be left alone, even in our homes. When I begin to ask telemarketers to stop calling me, they often hang up before I get to finish my statement.

Many times I get telemarketing calls where there is a delay of maybe four or five seconds before someone talks on the other end. Other times, no one ever talks, or when I answer the phone, I get a dial-tone because the caller hung up before I answered. I assume those are telemarketing calls too; but no telemarketer is available to make a pitch when their machines dial my number.

When I stay on the phone long enough AND someone starts their pitch, it's not uncommon for the caller to try and survey me or ask for a donation to some police charity. It's just as annoying as sales solicitation calls.

If there was a national do-not-call list, I'd certainly put my telephone number on it. And I would hope that all types of telemarketers are covered (sales / survey / non-profit).

Please - do something about this abusive industry!